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December 11, 2003

Surface Transportation Board Section of Environmental Analysis Room 500 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Lamoille Valley Railroad Company/Vermont Agency of Transportation

Dear Board;

At their December 10, 2003 meeting, the Hyde Park Selectboard voted in support of the above entity's filing of notice of exemption and approval for discontinuance of trackage over the former Central Vermont Railway, Inc.

They believe the Agency has conducted a thorough analysis of this proposal, and support the conversion of the rail corridor to trail use.

On Behalf of the Selectboard,

Julia J. Compagna

Administrative Officer

cc: file